

Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Community Garden Specialization



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Office of Outreach and Engagement
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Purpose

Extension Master Gardener Volunteers (EMGVs) assist Ohio State University Extension with research-based horticultural outreach. While the projects that they engage in vary greatly, recently more Volunteers are initiating community garden/food projects. These projects require a different skill set than traditional EMGV projects. The purpose of this program is to equip EMGVs with community engagement skills in order to successfully sustain community garden/food projects.

Impact

Sixty-seven Master Gardener Volunteer participants have a better understanding of food insecurity in their communities and of community engagement with regard to community gardens.

Master Gardener Volunteer participants have a better understanding of the barriers that those living in poverty face.

Participants know the important things to consider when developing a community garden site plan.



How you can get involved:

- **Become an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer.**
- **Join a participating volunteer's community garden/food project.**
- **Donate time to help work in the gardens.**
- **Donate materials or money.**
- **Discuss the benefits of fresh, local produce with your family and friends.**

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